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To: Senate Bill No. **1102**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEATING RELIEF."

1 Strike subsection (a) of section 8 in its entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) (a) After all appropriations have been
4 made pursuant to this act and bill 1101 of the current session from the
5 funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30,
6 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act, the remainder
7 of such funds shall be deemed unappropriated surplus with respect to
8 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and shall be deposited in the
9 Budget Reserve Fund, as provided in section 4-30a of the general
10 statutes."

11 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
12 internal references accordingly:

13 "Sec. 501. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (3) of section 12-412 of
14 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the

15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage, and*
16 *applicable to sales occurring on or after September 1, 2008*):

17 (D) The sale or furnishing of electricity, not subject to the exemption
18 under subparagraph (A) of this subsection, with respect to that portion
19 of the charges applicable to such electricity for any month of service
20 which is not in excess of [one hundred fifty] five hundred dollars.

21 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) On or before November 1, 2008,
22 Operation Fuel, Incorporated, shall establish a one-time clean-slate
23 program to target low-income persons with high utility bill arrearages.
24 The program shall provide a one-time grant based on a person's
25 income and arrearage amount. For purposes of the program, only
26 arrearages of twenty-four months or less shall be considered. Grants
27 shall not exceed one thousand dollars. The program shall include case
28 management services, including, but not limited to, budget counseling
29 and assistance with utility payment programs. The program shall
30 terminate on October 31, 2009.

31 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$3,000,000 is
32 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
33 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this
34 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending
35 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of implementing the clean-slate program
36 pursuant to section 502 of this act.

37 Sec. 504. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$5,000,000 is
38 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund pursuant to
39 section 1 of this act, to the Department of Public Utility Control, for the
40 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The department shall allocate such
41 funds to the Energy Conservation and Load Management Funds for
42 the provision of conservation services to residential and small business
43 customers.

44 Sec. 505. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an account to
45 be known as the "victims of home heating oil company closure
46 account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the

47 General Fund. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Office
48 of Policy and Management for the purposes of reimbursing customers
49 of any home heating oil company, who had paid for oil that had not
50 yet been delivered when such company closed for business. The
51 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall develop criteria
52 for determining eligibility for such reimbursement, which shall include
53 a deduction from such reimbursement for any amounts previously
54 repaid to such customers.

55 (b) The sum of \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the funds credited to
56 the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to
57 subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the Office of Policy and
58 Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to be deposited
59 into the victims of home heating oil company closure account
60 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

61 Sec. 506. Section 6 of bill 1101 of the current session is amended to
62 read as follows:

63 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of [~~\$5,000,000~~] \$15,000,000 is
64 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
65 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of
66 [this act] bill 1101 of the current session to the Office of Policy and
67 Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose
68 of expanding Operation Fuel, Incorporated, to provide emergency
69 home heating assistance from November 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009,
70 inclusive, to households within the state with income equal to or
71 greater than two hundred per cent of the applicable federal poverty
72 level, but equal to or less than one hundred per cent of the applicable
73 state median household income, that are unable to make timely
74 payments on deliverable fuel, electricity or natural gas bills. Operation
75 Fuel, Incorporated, shall pay emergency home heating assistance
76 provided pursuant to this section directly to fuel vendors, municipal
77 utilities furnishing electricity or natural gas or electric or natural gas
78 companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the 2008 supplement to the
79 general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 08-77 and

80 section 4 of public act 08-185. For purposes of this section, "state
81 median household income" shall be determined by using the most
82 recent state median income figures published by the Department of
83 Social Services."